

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the previous Abstract with the following redlined Abstract:

A method and system for a network component ~~(700)~~ for determining determines when to provide services to power saving client devices ~~(701)~~ is disclosed. The method ~~comprising the steps of~~ includes receiving a ~~requested servicing method (420)~~ service request from the client device ~~(701)~~, determining an ability to accommodate ~~(420, 510, 630)~~ the ~~requested servicing method~~ service request, and providing an indication of the ability to accommodate ~~(435, 450, 470)~~ the ~~requested servicing method~~ service request to the client device. In one aspect ~~of the invention~~, the ability to accommodate is based on at least one factor selected from the group consisting of, the requested service method, a proposed schedule, current demand at the network component, and the current operating state of the network component ~~(420, 510, 630)~~.